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Local dancers chosen for Pan Am ceremony

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Three local dancers will perform for a crowd of 45,000 – and a television audience of five million – at the opening ceremonies of the 2015 Toronto Pan Am/Parapan Games.

Jordy Schell, Dawson Hutchings and Wyatt Hutchings, students with Haliburton Dance Academy, travelled to Toronto's Intercontinental Centre on Feb. 7 to audition for the ceremonies, which will take place at the Rogers Centre on July 10.

The performance is being produced by Cirque de Soliel and the boys auditioned for judges from the prestigious company.

"They basically just teach you a dance and you learn it," Dawson said, explaining the audition process.

The boys were at the hotel a total of nine hours, making it into the third of three rounds of auditions and, eventually, onto the list of 133 performers who will take part in the number.

There were hundreds of dancers at the audition.

"Exciting . . . and a little nerve-wracking – see **DANCERS** page 2

Bowling for housing

Four-year-old Caelin Stevens of Minden enjoys her first experience bowling at the Places for People Bowlathon on Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Fast Lane bowling alley in Minden. The annual event included 55 bowlers who helped to raise \$3,576 for the Haliburton County non-profit organization that helps with providing affordable housing. More on page 4.

DARREN LUM/Staff



Staff reduced in cultural centre 'streamlining'

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The curator of the Minden Hills Museum has lost his job, the position terminated in a staffing shakeup at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Feb. 5.

In what a press release from the township calls "streamlining operations," Darren Levstek was let go last Thursday.

Laurie Carmount, the curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, will become curator for the entire cultural centre facility – which includes the gallery, museum and Nature's Place – and its staff will be rounded out by the existing museum assistant, community development co-ordinator, part-time relief staff and director of community services, Mark Coleman.

Coleman, who'd previously been director of parks, rec and trails for Algonquin Highlands township, started with Minden Hills in mid-2014.

"The department head, the CAO (chief administrative officer) and myself all came to the same conclusion," Reeve

Brent Devolin told the *Times*.

He said the move was partly about saving money, but also about restructuring the way the cultural centre – which has seen declining interest from the public in recent years – operates.

"There have been a couple of things that I found surprising since I got here," Devolin said, explaining one of those was how much the centre costs to operate.

The reeve noted the cultural centre costs about as much to operate as the S.G.

see **VOLUNTEERS** page 5

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Jordy Schell, left, Wyatt Hutchings and Dawson Hutchings of the Haliburton Dance Academy travelled to Toronto on Feb. 7 to audition for the opening ceremonies of the 2015 Pan Am Games. All three boys made the cut and will perform for a crowd of 45,000 at the Rogers Centre on July 10. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Dancers ready for intense rehearsal schedule

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ing,” Jordy said of the process.

The boys are all 12 years old, Jordy dancing for the past three years, Dawson and Wyatt, who are cousins, for the past eight.

Jordy attends Minden’s Archie Stouffer Elementary School, the Hutchings boys J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

“They looked very professional,” Jordy’s mother Lisa said of the troupe, explaining they were dressed in matching HDA garb. “I think they saw they were a very teachable little group.”

There will be many more trips to Toronto in the coming months, as the boys must attend 14 rehearsals.

They wished to thank Chyna Schell and other instructors at HDA, as well as their families for their support.

The Pan Am Games run July 10 to 26. Minden is the venue for the whitewater events, which will take place at the wild water preserve on the Gull River.

Minden man charged for littering on Crown land

Three southern Ontario men have been fined a total of \$1,500 for unlawfully depositing material on Crown land.

David Basiw of Mississauga, Lorenzo Porco of North York and Edward Trzcinski of Minden pleaded guilty to offences under the Public Lands Act and were each fined \$500. They also each received a court order to remove all unauthorized materials from Crown land.

Court heard that on Oct. 8, 2012, conservation officers checked Basiw, Porco and Trzcinski at a moose hunt camp built of a wooden frame and tarps situated off the Much Lake Road in Topham Township.

On November 12, a conservation officer patrolling the Much Lake Road in Cosens Township discovered a large amount of garbage deposited on Crown land. This illegal dumpsite was a few kilometers north of where Basiw, Porco and Trzcinski camped during their moose hunt.

The officer returned to the men’s now-abandoned hunt camp and found more unlawful garbage and parts of the camp structure.

Evidence from both sites was successfully linked to Basiw, Porco and Trzcinski.

Justice of the Peace Monique Mechevske heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Chapleau, on Jan. 14, 2015.

The ministry reminds the public that any camp put up by hunters on Crown land must be removed within 21 days. Hunters are reminded to pack up garbage accumulated during their hunting trip and take it to an approved waste facility.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF tips line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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AH council costs nearly \$123,000 for 2014

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors reviewed their 2014 remuneration and expenses during a Feb. 5 meeting.

Under the Municipal Act, councils in the province must publicly disclose these costs annually.

Reeve Carol Moffatt received just more than \$26,100 in per diem payments, used just more than \$3,000 in benefits, charged \$102 in mileage and had \$712 in “other” expenses for a total of just more than \$30,000.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was paid approximately \$20,880, used \$2,220 in benefits, accrued more than \$2,100

in mileage payments and more than \$800 in “other” expenses for a total just more than \$26,000. Danielsen lives in Hastings County and is paid mileage from Wilberforce.

Councillor Marlene Kyle collected approximately \$17,500 in per diem payments, about \$2,700 in benefits, \$1,800 in mileage and \$430 in “other” expenses for a total just under \$22,500.

Councillor Lisa Barry had about \$17,500 in per diem payments, \$4,200 in benefits, \$730 in mileage and nothing in the “other” column, totalling just more than \$22,500.

Councillor Gord Henderson, who is not a member of the new council that took office in December, was paid just more than \$16,000, used just less than \$2,500 in benefits, just more than \$1,100 in mileage and had nothing in the “other” column for

a total of just more than \$19,600.

Councillor Brian Lynch, on council since December, collected about \$1,450 in per diem payments, \$315 in benefits, \$135 in mileage and \$400 in “other” expenses for a total of about \$2,300.

“Other” expenses included township cellphones for Moffatt and Danielsen, as well as training and conference expenses. The total cost for council for the year was just less than \$123,000.

The four members of the township’s committee of adjustment – Gerald Bain, John Clayton, Jim Gould and Jim Harrison – were each paid \$1,400. With mileage payments, the total cost of the committee for 2014 came to about \$6,130.

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February 17

NOTICE is given for a Special Council Meeting re: 2015 Budget Standing Committee

February 26

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March 12

Committee of the Whole with NOTICE of a Special Council meeting to follow re: 2015 Budget Approval.

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ODRAP REVIEW

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is undertaking a review of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) to ensure the program design and criteria reflect current needs in addressing extreme weather events.

As part of the review, the ministry is inviting public input. A consultation on the program is now open on the ministry’s website until March 4, at

www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page10831.aspx.

The consultation is open to all who wish to share their comments or experience with ODRAP.

Comments can be submitted through the ministry website or to ODRAPConsultation@ontario.ca.

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY WEEKEND FISHING DERBY

Sunday February 15, 8:00 am Hosted by the Minden Volunteer Fire Department on Pigeon Lake. Entry is \$20/person or \$10 for 10 and under.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 26th, 2015 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-12-06
2. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9709, registered January 23, 2015.
3. File No. SRA-14-04
4. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9711, registered January 23, 2015.
5. File No. SRA-14-05
6. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9710, registered January 23, 2015.
7. File No. SRA-14-06
8. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
9. File No. SRA-14-07
10. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 & 9, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
11. File No. SRA-14-09
12. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 & 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9532, registered August 8, 2013.
13. File No. SRA-14-13
14. Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of the Gull River, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9708, registered January 22, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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Dorset landfill to become transfer station

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands will hire Cambium Inc. to oversee the transition of the Dorset landfill to a transfer station.

Councillors received a report on the project from public works director Mike Thomas during a Feb. 5 meeting.

In 2014, the Dorset landfill's remaining life expectancy was estimated at one and a half to two years and the transition to a transfer station facility, including site preparation, must be done in accordance with MOE guidelines.

The work has an estimated cost \$12,110 plus taxes and includes \$1,990 for the preparation of a waste compactors tender package, \$1,990 for a construction work plan, \$1,115 for a construction pre-bid meeting, \$1,820 for the initial site survey and grade stake installation, \$2,970 for final site survey and documentation and \$2,225 for construction oversight.

In his report, Thomas wrote he believed it was in the best interest of the township to hire Cambium since the company has done annual monitoring reports for the township for a number of years, and is contracted to do so for another two, it has prepared other transfer station plans and is familiar with the township's landfill operations.

The project will include the demolition of buildings on the site, which must be removed to make way for trash compactor bins, and the facility will be closed while work takes place.

"We hope to get this started this year . . . maybe a little later in the season," Thomas said, explaining he was aiming for the fall.

Councillors were adamant the work not begin until after the busy season and that the public receive sufficient notice of the site closure.

Residents will have to take their garbage to one of the township's other waste disposal sites while the project is being completed.



Bowlers raise \$3,576 for Places for People

Places for People president Max Ward, left, of Minden shows his bowling form during the Places for People Bowlathon on Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Fast Lane bowling alley in Minden. The annual event included 55 bowlers who helped to raise \$3,576 for the Haliburton County non-profit organization that helps with providing affordable housing. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Volunteers key to revitalization of centre

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Nesbitt Memorial Arena, but that the former might draw 10 per cent of the traffic.

The 2015 draft budget, before the elimination of Levstek's position, included about \$355,000 for the cultural centre and \$290,000 for the arena.

Devolin who said the facility, for its size, doesn't require two curators, was unsure how much money the elimination of the position would save the township, but added that would be made clear when a revised draft budget is brought before council later this month.

A key plank of the change in direction also seems to be the re-engagement of volunteers at the centre, whose numbers decreased during the past term of council.

"I think we have to re-establish a relationship with the cultural centre foundation," Devolin said.

That foundation later became Arts Alive Minden and has been inactive since the summer of 2013.

"The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation is cur-

rently reconsidering its role in the promotion of an artistic vibrant community," chairwoman Georgina Parkes said in a statement. "The foundation remains active, and looks forward to a revitalized cultural centre in our community."

Levstek, who had previously done contract work in Toronto including at the ROM, was hired in the spring of 2012. "I think we have been as kind on exit as we can," Devolin said of Levstek. "We wish him well."

When he was hired, Levstek replaced two part-time curators – one of the museum, one for Nature's Place – whose positions were eliminated by the previous council. He also served as interim director of community services for an extended period before Coleman was hired.

The reeve and staff are hopeful that one fewer body at the centre will not mean less programming.

According to the township's press release, some expected outcomes of the change include improvements in staff co-ordination and communications, creating attractions geared at increasing visitation and revenue and realigning facility hours with peak use and visitation periods.

The paper asked Devolin how he would react to criticism that new, conservative reeve was going after the arts community, or that he was eliminating the position of an employee that had been hired under former reeve Barb Reid, whom he defeated in the October election.

"I'm a huge supporter of the cultural centre," Devolin said. "This isn't done lightly. This is not a conservative-driven ideology. I'm not a slash and burn guy."

Devolin said the transition was about value-based spending and that the way the centre had been operating was unsustainable.

"We can't keep the status quo, crash and burn and close the whole thing," he said.

The Times requested the amount of Levstek's severance but was told by CAO Lorrie Blanchard that was a human resources issue that would not be discussed by the township.

"I am grateful for my time at the Minden Hills Museum and the opportunities afforded me during my tenure," Levstek wrote in an email to the paper.

AH surpluses transferred to reserves

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council will put nearly \$400,000 worth of surpluses from 2014 into various reserves.

A report from treasurer Tammy McKelvey received by councillors at a Feb. 5 meeting shows some \$395,000 worth of surpluses for the year.

These range from an operating surplus of \$375 at the Stanhope Museum to a surplus of nearly \$118,000 in the roads department.

The reason for the roads surplus was that some projects had come in under budget, while others were not completed.

Under-budget wages and projects and/or uncompleted projects also contributed to a \$46,000 surplus with the fire department, a \$57,000 surplus in waste management and a surplus of nearly \$24,000 at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The recommendation from McKelvey was that surpluses be placed in reserves in those areas.

"When you look at this it says not done, not done, not completed," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she didn't want uncompleted projects to end up getting completed through the tax levy.

"We charge the county for our involvement in maintaining the county roads," McKelvey said, explaining that some of the roads surplus resulted from this income being higher than anticipated.

It was recommended the roads surplus be used to help with a new \$1-million public works facility being constructed in Dorset.

There was also a \$14,000 surplus in administration due to a postage HST adjustment from previous years, \$9,000 in the council budget from conferences that were not attended, a \$32,000 surplus in investments, a \$37,000

surplus in taxes and nearly \$30,000 surplus in septic revenues.

There was a \$20,000 surplus at the Stanhope Airport, the reason listed as "wages under budget/projects not completed."

However, that surplus will be used to help offset a \$323,000 development deficit at the airport. While borrowing had been anticipated to pay for new hangar buildings and the township's prep work on the new MNR base, the township will borrow \$303,000 from its own working reserves, paying that amount back over two years.

There was a \$14,000 deficit at the Stanhope rec centre due to wages and renovation costs being over budget, and nearly \$14,000 deficit for work at Elvin Johnson Park and a \$4,700 deficit in water trails.

In all, the township is expecting a net surplus of approximately \$80,000 for the year.

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Curating costs

IT WAS SURPRISING when Minden Hills announced a sudden staffing change at the cultural centre last Thursday.

The first sentence of a township press release read the municipality was “streamlining operations” at the centre.

Since buzzwords like “streamlining” and “synergy” are generally synonyms for “job loss,” I began scanning the document to see who would be affected and there it was: “As a result of this new direction, the museum curator position has been terminated.”

More surprising than the operational change is the timing of it; how soon it happened.

Minden Hills residents are tired of ongoing staff upheaval at the township. Personnel problems plagued

Reeve Brent Devolin’s predecessor and were arguably her downfall.

Given the revolving door of the past few years, the move, just a couple of months into his tenure, may not be a politically expedient one for Devolin, likely to draw a “told you so” chorus from arts types who were intimidated by Devolin’s Conservative ties during the election campaign.

However, the new reeve has made it clear during budget discussions that he is not interested in making popular, politically expedient choices, but what he considers value-based ones.

Devolin is correct that the cultural centre, for its size and scope, does not need two curators and that an operational change is required to make the facility sustainable.

Operating costs for the cultural centre – which houses the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the museum and interpretive centre Nature’s Place – have climbed for years. Prior to the elimination of the museum curator position last week, the centre’s 2015 draft budget was \$355,000.

While costs have increased, interest in the centre, especially during the past couple of years, has declined.

Township records show annual attendance for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 4,707 and 4,002 for the years 2007 and 2008, respectively. While attendance was just over 2,300 in 2012, it dropped to 1,811 for 2013, with a similar but slightly higher showing for 2014.

For the museum and Nature’s Place, attendance for family activities in 2012 was 330. That figure

plunged to 60 and 40 for the years 2013 and 2014, respectively.

The cultural centre serves an important purpose and, like other cultural institutions, cannot be expected to act as a vehicle for profit.

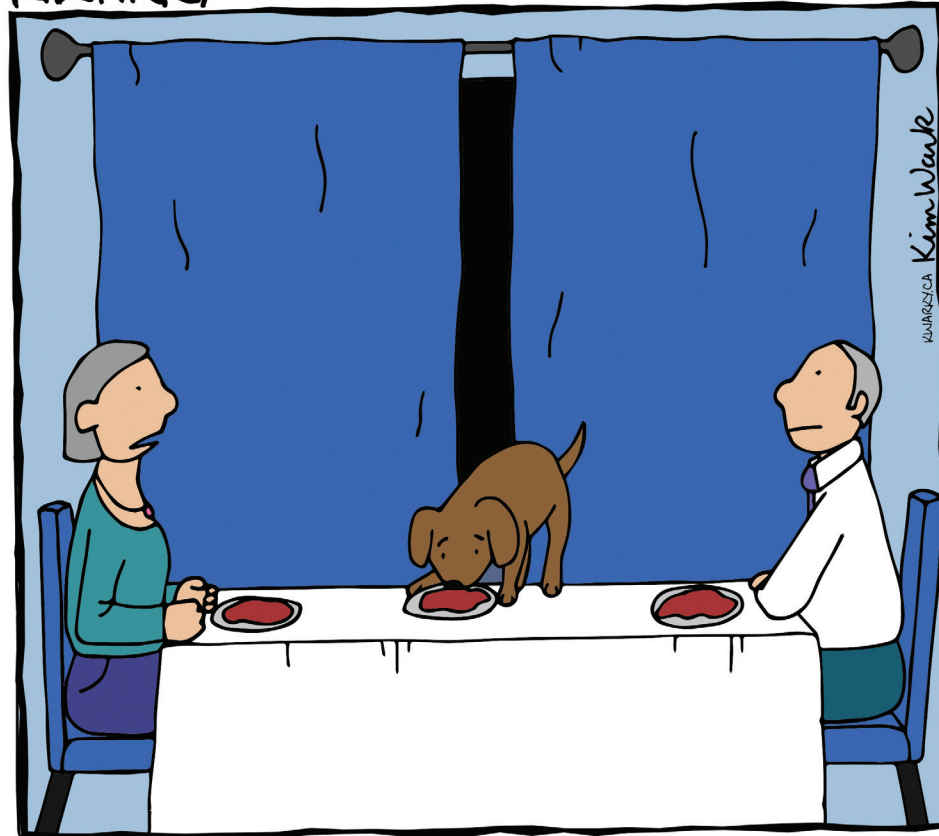
However, nor can Minden Hills, especially as it gets walloped during the next few years by increased OPP bills, afford to have the cultural centre become a money pit.

To bring some perspective, Dysart et al gives its Rail End Gallery \$50,000 per annum and the rest is fundraised.

Devolin is seeking to re-establish relationships with the centre’s former league of volunteers and hopefully a rekindling of those connections will also rekindle attendance at the centre.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

KWARKY



“WE ONCE HAD DISCIPLINE BEFORE THE KIDS MOVED OUT.”

My scandal

THE RECENT SCANDAL surrounding NBC news anchor Brian Williams is, as you would expect, starting to cast a pall on journalism at the highest levels. This, and the fact that I’m stuck for a column idea, is why I feel the need to address it.

Just so we are all on the same page, I’ll summarize what we know.

Mr. Williams claimed to be on a helicopter in an Iraq war zone in 2003 that was hit by a rocket propelled grenade. Crew members of that helicopter, however, claim he was not on that helicopter. Williams has reportedly revised his story and said he might have been on a different helicopter and that his memory of the life-altering event was “foggy.” An internal investigation at NBC is now underway.

Thanks a lot, Brian.

Suddenly, we are all being painted with the same brush.

Need proof?

Well, just the other day, a person I know questioned the size of the lake trout I claimed to catch in February 2002. In fact, the person insisted I got the numbers in my story reversed when I bragged it was 60 centimetres.

I only mention this because I feel that, at some point, those who were with me on the ice that day might step forward to challenge the truth in that story. That’s just like those guys. Some might even claim that I was in a different hut when the behemoth was landed.

Should that happen, I’m sure an internal investigation (a phrase that has always reminded me that men my age should get regular prostate exams) will take place.

Let me just say that I don’t fear an investigation.

This, after all, is the stuff internationally renowned journalist like Williams and I face on occasion. It’s the price we pay for putting ourselves out there in harm’s way. I’m not sure what danger Williams was actually in – after all it was only a combat zone – but I happened to be in an ice hut that was occupied by flatulent men in close proximity to the open flame of the gas stove.

Let me say right off the bat, however, that my memory of the occasion is foggy – this is another thing, aside from good looks, that Williams and I share.

I mean it was a long time ago. Oh, and let me just say the photographic evidence, which shows someone else holding my fish while I try to sneak into the photo, does not prove a thing. In fact, if you look closely at the photo, beyond the hail of snowballs, you’ll notice that one of my hands was pointing to the fish while the other was pointing to me.

Where are my photos you ask? Good question.

The photos I took were destroyed in the ice hut when one of those guys got too close to the open flame.

That is, if memory serves me correctly.

Regardless, if I am as important a journalist as I tell my mother, this incident is probably soon going to make international news and overshadow the Williams story.

And clearly, now that the story has broken, it is casting suspicion on my credibility.

That’s why I’m taking a leave of absence from this column until the allegations are either sorted out or forgotten.

That’s right. I won’t write another one until next week.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

letters to the editor

Rebranding a waste of money

To the Editor,

Re: "HHHS To Rebrand"

So HHHS is going to spend \$50,000 in taxpayer money to create "new logos." Who in the world approved this funding? This is a sure sign of an organization with a spend-

ing problem. Spending money on new logos is outrageous when our province is facing a multi-billion dollar deficit and the provincial health care budget is being slashed with service cuts in a number of areas. Shame on HHHS.

Larry Bukta
Minden

Enforcement blitz finds most anglers in compliance

Most anglers checked during a two-day enforcement blitz in the Bancroft area were obeying Ontario's fishery regulations.

Conservation officers from the Bancroft and Minden district offices, along with the canine unit, checked anglers on numerous local lakes on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Officers checked 177 anglers. They laid 12 charges and issued 31 warnings for offences, including:

- fishing without a licence
- angling with more than the permitted number of lines
- fishing without carrying a licence
- making a false statement to a conservation officer

- being more than 60 metres from a line that is in use

Officers also laid charges for motorized snow vehicle safety infractions and issued warnings under laws related to liquor licensing and provincial parks and conservation laws.

For further information on fishing regulations, please consult the Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary available at ontario.ca/fishing.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Submitted

The puppy and the wolf

NO ANIMALS were injured or killed in the writing of this column. Some human feelings, however, will be bruised in the reading of it.

North American society has descended into new depths of inanity. This we see clearly thanks to the Great Super Bowl controversy of 2015. No, not the wild debate over Seattle Seahawks' bonehead pass call that lost them the game. I refer to the controversy over Budweiser's heart-tugging Lost Dog commercial. In case you missed it, here's a recap:

A mischievous golden Lab puppy lives on a ranch. It sneaks into the rancher's horse trailer when he is preparing to go to wherever ranchers go with horse trailers. En route the rancher has to brake hard. A trailer door flies open. Puppy jumps out. Rancher continues on and puppy is lost.

Thankfully, the little guy finds his way back to the ranch just as darkness is falling. He is on a knoll overlooking the ranch when from behind a tree comes – quelle horreur! – a big bad wolf looking for dinner.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The puppy is terrified but keeps its head. It barks and alerts the horses in the barn below the knoll. Seconds later, the four Budweiser Clydesdales thunder out to the rescue. Wolf chased away. Puppy saved and returned to the loving arms of the rancher. Horses and puppies nice. Wolves evil.

Social media gorged on the commercial. People posted about how the story set their hearts aflutter and made them cry. Bowls of chips and pretzels went soggy

from the falling tears.

Then things got ugly. Wolf conservation groups took the stage demanding the ad be pulled because it demonized wolves just to sell beer. That set off an Internet nuclear word war between wolf haters and wolf lovers.

Like in all wars, misinformation was a main feature. People wrote how wolves kill just for fun. How they don't eat what they kill. How they kill puppies just to be mean. Then there was this beauty comment: "There are only two great things in this world: One is beer and the other being dead wolves."

Many of the social media comments were enough to drive a person to drink. Perhaps that's what Budweiser was hoping.

C'mon folks, it was just a commercial. A fictional little story from someone's ripe imagination. You know, like The Three Little Pigs fairy tale.

Wolves need to eat, just like everyone else. Since they are not allowed into supermarkets, they eat whatever they can find, presumably darling puppies included.

They do not eat humans. I know that because J. W. Curran, founding publisher of my first newspaper, *The Sault Ste. Marie Daily Star*, wrote a book titled *Wolves Don't Bite*. In it he offered a \$100 reward to the first person who could prove he or she had been attacked by a wolf.

The offer morphed into the legend that the *Sault Daily Star* would pay \$100 to anyone proving they were eaten by a wolf. To my knowledge no one ever collected the reward.

J. W. noted in his book that wolves always act in ways that are predictable. It is humans who are unpredictable and who do the strangest things, he wrote.

The Lost Dog commercial was fun, just like J.W.'s book. Certainly a lot more fun than the Super Bowl commercial from Nationwide Insurance. In that one a sorrowful little boy talks about how he will never learn to fly, never travel the world with his dog, never get married. Why?

"I couldn't grow up," the little boy sighs into the camera. "Because I died . . ."

That certainly lowered the festive mood in the millions of homes where the Super Bowl was being viewed.

The kid never says exactly how he died. I just hope he wasn't eaten by a wolf.

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This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Feb. 11, 2005 issue:

Editor Martha Perkins reports that, aside from aches and pains and one sprained ankle, students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School are OK following a bus crash. Thirty-two students had been on their way to school Feb. 9 when the bus they were riding in flipped on its side. Thirteen were taken to hospital. Black ice was blamed for the crash, which took place along South Lake Road.

Clint Stapley of Akers Auto Glass is replacing car windows at cost after teenagers vandalized cars involved in the ice races at the Minden fairgrounds. Two local teens were charged with vandalizing several ice-racing vehicles, as well as a camping trailer, Lance Crossley reports. At least nine vehicles were damaged.

Minden teenager Jake Walker is part of a team that wins the Bantam Boys division of the Ontario Curling Association's Provincial

Playdowns. The team consisted of Walker, vice, skip Ben Willemse of Woodville, second Darryl Budd, also of Woodville, and Lindsay's Trevor Harrison, who played lead. The tournament took place in Sarnia.

From the Feb. 12, 1990 issue:

Minden Deputy-reeve Bern Berry accuses a local developer of flipping land, rather than following through on promised developments.

Berry said the developer was responsible for what he called "three eye sores" along Bobcaygeon Road between the Rockcliffe Tavern and Home Hardware. "I feel you are not a developer but a speculator who is flipping land," Berry said.

The ministry of labour also took issue with at least one of the project areas, determining it had insufficient fencing.

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons asks councillors to support the creation of bylaw that would declare English as the only working language of the municipality.

"At Monday's council meeting, Simmons said he supports a bilingual Canada and hopes his own children will learn to speak both official languages," a front page story read. "However, he fears bilingualism will eventually be forced on municipalities, causing an unnecessary financial burden."

A recent meeting of the ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) board had seen a resolution backing the fight against the province's French Language Services Act. However, that resolution was defeated as debate around it devolved into a "racist issue," Dysart et al Reeve Bill Davis told the paper.



Scotty Morrison addresses the audience at the Scotty's Pub Night and Hotstove Lounge, at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Fellow panellists from left, former NHL officials Ray Scapinello and Bill McCreary; former NHL players Bernie Nicholls of West Guilford, Walt McKechnie of Haliburton, and Steve Ludzik (far right). The event helps raise money for the Community Support Services.

Tournament raises \$38,000

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The seventh annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena raised more than \$38,000.

There were 220 players who competed in the Friday to Sunday tournament that raised funds for Community Support Services.

The Friday evening event, the Scotty's Pub Night and Hot Stove Lounge was regarded as a success by organizers and event goers. It included colourful anecdotes and perspective on life in the NHL.

*See next week's *Times* for more information on the tournament.



Former NHL linesman Ray Scapinello was among several hockey celebrities.

Photos by Darren Lum



Former NHL referee Bill McCreary talks about Wayne Gretzky.



Tim Curry of the Haliburton Senior Storm team takes the game-winning shot during a sudden-death shootout at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm team finished as B champions at the weekend event that helps raise money fo rthe Community Support Services.



Scotty Morrison looks on as first-time guest and former NHLer Steve Ludzik describes his relationship with certain officials at the Scotty's Pub Night and Hotstove Lounge.



A new team this year, Iceman Hockey, proved to be very strong, winning all their games handily, including an 8-1 win over Dundas in the 50+ A Final with just seven skaters on their team this past weekend at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. /Submitted by Walter Tose



The Brown Owls defeated the Dukes in the semi final, which was a re-match of last year's A final, and went on to defeat a new team, the Dusters, in the A final with a surprisingly lopsided score of 8-1.



The Haliburton Senior Storm won the 50+ B championship at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament this past weekend held at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm lost their first game, then won the next two, both in overtime to make it to the B championship where they came from behind to defeat Cedar Winds (which included Dave Shapiera and Glenn Evans) 3-2 in the B final. Ron Strype's team lost their first, won their second, then lost to the Senior Storm in the B semi-final in overtime when they took a bad penalty that cost them. /Submitted by Walter Tose.



Dylan Metcalfe's team, the Dirt Squirrels, came with a much improved line up, lost their first game, but then bounced back to win the B championship with Bernie Nicholls in the line up, 10-4 over the Dirty Dawgs. /Submitted by Walter Tose



The Sens, who were here last year for the first time, won the 50+ C championship over the Valients at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. This event raises money for the Community Support Services. /Submitted by Walter Tose



In the Open Division, Brent Flood's team, Bujold's Buddies, won the C championship over the Dump Bears at the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.



Valentines for Vets

Jan Briggs-McGowan, Royal Canadian Legion of Minden's 1st vice-president, left, and Al Mayo, veterans service officer, stand with the 35 Valentine cards and personal messages made by Grade 2 and 3 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, as part of the first Valentines for Vets initiative for the Minden Legion. The students' creations will be delivered to 32 veterans in the Minden area. Briggs-McGowan, who invites the public to send in their Valentine cards or personal messages, said the surplus of creations (and any brought in) will be sent to a Canadian military base in Ontario. The idea of Valentines for Vets comes from famous columnist Ann Landers who encouraged her readers to create special Valentines for veterans in 1989. /DARREN LUM Staff

Chamber releases nominee list

The nominees for the 2014 Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce business and community achievement awards have been released, highlighting many of the county's entrepreneurs and innovators.

All finalists are kept confidential until the winner is announced at the gala ceremony, set to take place on Feb. 28 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

This year's nominees:

In the business achievement category: Century 21 Granite Realty Group, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Head Lake Grill, Not Just Gas, Parker Pad and Printing, The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times, Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

In the customer first category: Autumn Marketing, Chaulk Woodworking, Crystal Image Studio, Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy, Haliburton Yoga, Head Lake Grill, Hot Sips Cafe, JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports, Minden 50s Diner, Minden Pharmasave, Myers Chimney, Sears Minden, Stoughton's Quality Roofing, WRD Cottage Rentals, Yummy Mummy Emporium.

In the entrepreneur of the year category: Chaulk Woodworking (Trevor and Angela Chaulk), Earthways (Michelle Connell), Haliburton Dance Academy (Chyna Schell), Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve (Peter Schleifenbaum), Haliburton Home Hardware (Jerry Walker), Head Lake Grill (Diana Gomes), Up River Trading Co. (Mike McKeon and Paul Roy), Wilberforce Service Centre (Don Bamford).

In the innovation and creativity category: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Biothermic Renewable Heating Solutions, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Moose FM, Positive Media, Sno Trax/ Dirt Trax, The Highlander Newspaper, Trophy Property Corp.

In the new business category: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Baked and Battered, Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, McArthur Tree Service, OfficePlus+, Pet Value Haliburton, Yummy Mummy Emporium.

In the not-for-profit of the year category: A Place Called Home, Algonquin Gateway Business Association, Bark Lake Cultural Developments, Canoe FM, Community Living Haliburton County, Dorset Community Partnership, Haliburton County Community Co-operative, Haliburton County Folk Society, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Medeba, Rails End Gallery, SIRCH, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

In the skilled trades and industry category: Greg Brown Construction, Timestone Inc., Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets.

In the tourism and hospitality category: Castle Antiques, Happy Trails-Sustainable Trail Construction, Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, Sunny Rock B&B, Tamarack Lodge Cottage Resort, The Little Tart, Up River Trading Company.

In the Highlander of the Year category: Bob Stinson, Gena Robertson, Gord Kidd, Janis Parker, Jim Blake, John Teljeur, Ted Scholtz.

Haliburton's Frost Festival 2015

Saturday, February 14, 2015

**Polar Bear Dip • Dogsledding • Broomball • Pancake Breakfast in the Park Games
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Head Lake Park — Haliburton, Ontario

9:00—11:00 a.m. Crowning of the Ambassador at the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at Head Lake Park for \$5

10:00 a.m.—2 p.m. Ice Fish with the Haliburton Outdoors Association

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Snowshoe Games with YMCA Camp Wanakita

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Broomball and Hot Chocolate with Youth Unlimited

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Ride a Pony with South Algonquin Trails

10:30 a.m. — Craft and story at the Dysart Branch of the library

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Join the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre for Art Attack

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hitch a ride on Irvin Holland's horse wagon

11:30 a.m. until supplies run out Haliburton Highlands Museum Maple Treats

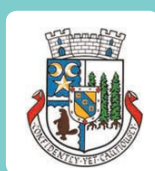
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Forging demonstration with Nash Farrier Services

12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Lions Club BBQ

1:00 p.m.—until finished Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (First plunge at 1)

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Kids Dogsledding with Winterdance

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. United Church Lasagna Dinner - \$10 adults \$5 kids 12 and under (Take-out is available)



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Haliburton Highlands

Ontario 55+ Winter Games

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2015

Let the Games begin

For the second time, the Haliburton Highlands is playing host to nearly 1,000 athletes and participants in the Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19.

Local residents who aren't competing can catch the action at venues across the county – and if they're lucky, catch a glimpse of Canadian Olympian Kurt Browning, who will be making appearances at various skating-related events.

Sports included in the Games include alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, hockey, curling and volleyball.

The 55+ games are put on by the Ontario Senior Games Association, which was founded in 1982 under the name Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario.

The Games were able to run thanks to funding from the Ontario government.

Since that time, the Games have grown with the first winter games held in 2000 in Collingwood.

OSGA is based in Toronto and is comprised of 40 districts.

Haliburton County is in district 11 and in this winter games, there are 46 athletes from this district involved.

"I think it's great for the county, for Haliburton County," said past district co-ordinator Doug McIntosh. "It brings people from all over Ontario to showcase our county. It's a fantastic place to live. There's all kinds of opportunities for people to enjoy them-

HALIBURTON COUNTY PARTICIPANTS

Ice Hockey (55+)

Dan Ambridge
Tim Curry
Lee Donaldson
Kim Emmerson
Bev Hicks
Larry Kent
Michael McGee
Joe Roberts
Steve Roberts
Greg Ross
Ted Vasey
Ian Wilson
Jim Winn
Rick Wood
Robert Woodcock

Alpine Skiing

Marianne Fenninger, 55+, female
Ralph Burchert, 55+, male
Barbara Ablett, 65+, female
Lou Fenninger, 65+, male
Doris Pierson, 75+, female
Victor Ettel, 75+, male

Curling (mixed)

Sheila Campbell
Bob Johnson
Bob MacNaull
Anne MacNaull

Duplicate Bridge

Mary Johnson, novice
Sandy McKay, novice
Willie Cox, open
Jack Cox, open

Ice Hockey (65+)

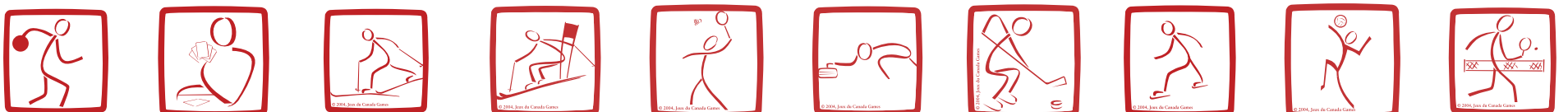
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Grant Clayton
David Dollo
Ron Earle
Larry Hartin
Bill James
Larry Kalynuk
Sherdon Kellett
Ron May
Frank Powers
Glen Smith
Norris Turner

Nordic Skiing

Sheila Ziman, 5 km prediction, female
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ONTARIO 55+ WINTER GAMES SCHEDULE

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Pinestone Resort

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Morning session
1:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Afternoon session

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Morning session
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Afternoon session
4:00 p.m. - Medal presentation

VOLLEYBALL

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m - 4:10 p.m. 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
12:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. - Play Offs
2:10 p.m. - Medal Presentation

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. - 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Semi Finals
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Consolation Games
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Championship Game
3:30 p.m. - Medal Presentation

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

9:00 a.m. - 4:10 p.m. - 40 minute intervals

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - 40 minute intervals
12:10 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. - Play Offs
2:50 p.m. - Medal Presentation

BADMINTON

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

Day 1- Wednesday February 18

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Men's, Co-ed and Women's

Day 2 Thursday February 19

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's
2:00 p.m. - Co-ed Bronze, Men's Women's Games
2:30 p.m. - Co-ed Gold, Men's Women's Games
3:00 p.m. - Men's and Women's Bronze
3:30 p.m. - Men's and Women's Gold

TABLE TENNIS

Shalom by the Lake

1570 Little Hawk Lake Rd., Algonquin Highlands

Day 1- Wednesday February 18

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's

Day 2 Thursday February 19

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Men's, Mixed and Women's
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Semi-Finals
1:30 p.m. - Bronze Medal Games
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 - Gold Medal Games
3:00 p.m. - Medal Presentation

HOCKEY

Day 1- Wednesday February 18

Haliburton

7:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Minden

7:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

Wilberforce

9:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Day 2 Thursday February 19

Haliburton

7:50 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Semi Finals
2:20 p.m. Bronze Finals
3:10 p.m. Final

Minden

7:50 a.m. - 12 p.m.
12:50 - 2:20 Semi Finals
2:20 p.m. Bronze Finals
3:10 p.m. Final

Wilberforce

8:40 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

CURLING

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18
Haliburton Curling Club

Round Robin Curling Schedule
Divisions A and B
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 6-end games
1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - 6-end games

Minden Curling Club

Round Robin Curling Schedule
Divisions C and D
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - 6-end games
1:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. - 6-end games

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

Information not available at press time.

NORDIC SKIING

Pinestone Resort

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

11:00 a.m. - Timed Trials
11:30 a.m. - Prediction race (mass start)

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

11:00 a.m. - Timed Trials
11:30 a.m. - Prediction race (mass start)
1:00 p.m. Medal Presentations

ALPINE SCHEDULE

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - First timed run
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Second timed run

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - First timed run
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Second timed run
1:00 p.m. - Medal Presentations

PREDICTION SKATING

Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce

Day 1 Wednesday, February 18

12:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. Skating

Day 2 Thursday, February 19

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Cheer on our local athletes

Victor Ettel, 77, has skied all over the world, but there's no place he'd rather be than Sir Sam's in the Haliburton Highlands.

An athlete in the 55+ Winter Games coming up Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton County, Ettel will be participating in the men's alpine ski event for those 75 years and older.

"I skied many places around the world including many times in Japan ... I somehow always came back and enjoyed skiing so much more here not because the hill is big or daring, but because of all the friends that are here as ski buddies," said Ettel.

This is his third senior winter games. The first was in 2011 when Haliburton last hosted the games. The second was in Huntsville in 2013. He won gold in both.

Alpine skiing has interested Ettel since he was a teenager in Czechoslovakia and stayed with him his whole life, 40 years of which has included the Highlands – first as a cottage destination and then in 2001 as a full-time home.

Ettel uses the Sunday Sir Sam's ski challenges as practice. He competes in the 45+ category and has twice placed second this season.

He skis with his wife, daughters and soon hopes to be racing with his grandchildren.

Several veteran curlers have come together to represent the Highlands in the mixed league. Bob Johnson (skip), Bob MacNaull (second), Anne MacNaull (lead) and Sheila Campbell (vice) will curl three games on Wednesday, Feb. 18 and, if successful, in the playoffs Thursday, Feb. 19.

Johnson said his first encounter with the 55+ games was when Haliburton last hosted. At that time, he and Bob MacNaull helped with scheduling other teams at the curling club.

"I enjoy the competition and we did the scheduling last time and thought it would be neat to compete in it," Johnson said.

If it's anything like last time, some "pretty good curlers" will be showing up from across Ontario to provide the Haliburton crew with a challenging two days.

Over at the hockey rink, centreman Bev Hicks and defenceman Greg Ross are getting excited about Haliburton's 55+ men's team. A carefully curated group of men were brought together earlier in the season and have been playing exhibition games together in preparation for the games.

"We've got a lot of good hockey players in Haliburton County," Hicks says. The key is having them function as a team.

Hicks and Ross have played in the last two senior games – Haliburton and Huntsville – and say the level

of competition is high.

"We're playing against the best senior hockey players in Ontario," Hicks said.

In previous seniors games, the No. 1 ranked team in Canada (Brampton) has competed, making for exciting hockey.

Hicks grew up in Haliburton and said several of his fellow teammates at the senior games played together when they were children for the Haliburton Huskies.

Having the games in the Highlands only furthers the county's reputation, Hicks said, and it doesn't hurt the villages' chances to become a Kraft Hockeyville winner either.

"I think it brings a lot of recognition to Haliburton," he said. "It adds to the reputation we have here."

For the players, the 55+ games represents a reason to get out and get active.

"It's a great camaraderie when you speak to the other guys from the other cities," said Ross. "We all have the same agenda. Everybody's there for the games and to have fun and the sport of it."

Cheer on our local athletes. See page 16 for a schedule of when games are taking place.



Haliburton Victor Ettel (men's 65+) makes his turn and prepares for the next gate in the alpine skiing event in the 2011 Ontario Senior Winter Games. He will be competing this year in the 75+ competition. /Darren Lum



The RE/MAX balloon will be with the Games cauldron on Head Lake Tuesday, Feb 17 (opening day).



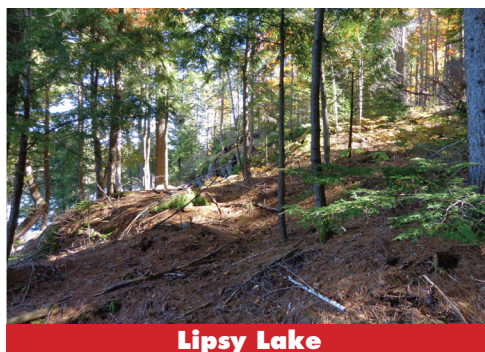
Minden resident Pauline Plooard gets off to a great start in the nordic skiing prediction race held at Glebe Park at the 2011 games. /Angelica Blenich



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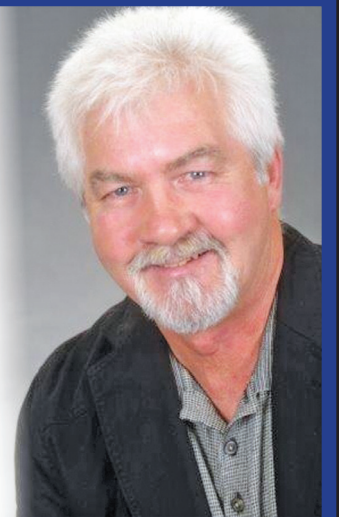
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Suiting up for the Games

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The designs are cool but the clothing is warm.

Minden's Up River Trading Co. has produced the clothing line for 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games, which take place in Haliburton County Feb. 17 through 19.

Up River is not only a coffee and home decor shop, but also a design and custom garment printing company.

"We do all the printing in-house," says co-owner Mike McKeon. "We helped update their logos."

The design work was done by Up River account manager Dani Hicks.

The line features long-sleeved T-shirts,

hoodies and eight-inch-wide polar fleece scarves. The items will be available for purchase at the games' registration, the opening and closing ceremonies at the high school and are also available at the Ontario Winter Games office at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

The collection also includes mugs and lapel pins.

Up River produced nearly 300 special edition yellow scarves for the games' volunteers. Scarves available for purchase are white.

Until Friday, Feb. 13, athletes can customize clothing with their names and numbers.

For more information, call Hicks at 705-457-7056.



Jim Wilson and Roxanne Casey talk about volunteer tasks.

Volunteers prepare for Games

Volunteers for the 2015 55+ Winter Games came together earlier this month to prepare to host the big event, which runs from Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton County.

About 215 people have registered so far to be volunteers. The expected number is 225.

The sessions included an overview of the games, disability awareness and then

break-out sessions where the chairs of registration, accommodation, transportation, sport, food services and special events met separately to brief their volunteers.

The volunteers were given their ID cards and yellow scarves, which they will wear during the games to identify them as volunteers.

Submitted by Alan Clark



Up River Trading Co. account manager Dani Hicks shows off the 55+ Ontario Winter Games clothing she helped design. The clothing is available for purchase at the shop and the winter games office at the Pinestone. It will also be available for purchase during the games' registration and opening and closing ceremonies. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



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LOCALSPORTS

Awesome start for Bantam A

The Storm Bantam A team travelled to Gananoque on Sunday to start the next series of playoff games. The long, grueling drive was made worthwhile with the 4-0 win. Both teams went head to head for both first and second periods, scoreless. They delivered lots of back and forth action, with the Storm vastly out-shooting the Islanders. Minutes into the third period, while on a power play, a pass by Manning from behind the net, deflected in, for the Storm's first well-earned goal, assisted by Schmidt and Walker. Next, Cooper made a hard rush to the net, shot, rebound, pass from Patterson-Smith to Manning and he found the opening. Later, Cooper made it 3-0 with a nice top bar, power play goal, fed by Schmidt and Manning. With minutes left, Schmidt finished things off with an empty net goal. The entire Storm team played an outstanding game, Smolen being solid in net, earning the shutout win.

Join us in Haliburton, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. for Game 2 or Sunday, Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. for Game 3.

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Girls Storm kicks off playoffs

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls started their much anticipated Lower Lakes Female Hockey League playoffs in their Eastern loop on the weekend. Their home ice series advantage started on the road in Oakwood against the pesky Lindsay Lynx. Looking to get rid of any rust from a two week lapse in hockey games, the Storm jumped out to an early first period 1-0

lead with Kelsey Maracle slipping a puck into the net off a goal mouth scramble. Alicia McLean added to the lead in the first period with what proved to be the game winning goal in the aggressive contest. With Lindsay taking a few questionable penalties, the Storm increased their lead to 3-0 with a power play marker from Sydney Feir midway through the second period. The Lynx continued their attack, and in the third period spoiled the Storm shut-out with a knuckle-baller that found its way into the net from a weak angle. The game ended on a rough note with more penalties being handed out to both clubs, along with the loss of Erica "the grinder" Carmount with a fractured wrist. Get ready for our Friday the 13th tilt in Haliburton girls. We will need to keep to our game plan and maintain our focus to work towards getting to our second round. Third game of the series, if needed, will be in Minden on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Good luck girls. Stay sharp and be ready for a good ol' playoff barn burner this Friday at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget AE ties South Muskoka

The Midget AE team sponsored by Walker's Heating and Cooling faced off against South Muskoka in Gravenhurst Sunday at 3 p.m. for Game 1. The Storm had a 2-0 lead at the end of the second period. Second period saw our third goal and an answered goal by South Muskoka. Third period saw South Muskoka score two goals to tie it up forcing 10 minute overtime resulting in a 3-3 tie. Next game is Friday 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton. See you at the rink.

Submitted by Monika Keefer

Boys' basketball team travels to Bracebridge

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Bracebridge for the annual Laker Classic. The boys played some solid basketball games before losing the last game versus Nouvelle Alliance by a score of 39-36.

Bishop places fifth in Nordic ski

The Nordic ski team had home-field advantage for the Kawarthas at Glebe Park. Our competitors have both qualified for COSSA with Christine Bishop placing fifth in senior girls and Sam Longo third in junior boys.

Boys' hockey defeats Adam Scott Lions

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team improved their record to six wins and a loss by defeating the Adam Scott Lions by a score of 5-3 in a hard fought battle in Kawartha league play.

Jr. girls' volleyball team heading to Kawartha qualifier

The Junior Girls' volleyball team travelled to I.E. Weldon for the final regular season tournament. Congratulations to the team for moving on to the Kawartha qualifier next week.

Top finishes for wrestlers

The wrestling team travelled to Uxbridge to compete in the first tournament of the new semester. Carmen Galea placed 4th and Rebecca Hamilton, Sonya Flatman, and Matt Sexsmith earned 2nd place. Special mention goes to Tom Paul who wrestled extremely well to earn the bronze medal.

Girls' hockey team takes on Holy Cross

The varsity girls' hockey team played a spirited game against Holy Cross. An early first period deflection and a late third period ricochet proved the difference in the afternoon tilt.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Hurricanes blow out Hawks

Red Hawks forward Alicia McLean, left, is shielded from the puck during the first period against the Holy Cross Hurricanes on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The Hawks lost 2-0, but remain in the hunt for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Kawartha High School Hockey League. / DARREN LUM Staff





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There is a petition in support of improved winter roads maintenance available to sign at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Full pages will be sent to Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. All are welcome to come in during operating hours to sign the petition.

This week's guided snowshoe adventure takes place on Sunday Feb. 15 and is called "Family Day Fun on Snowshoes." Discover the wonders of winter critters while having fun with group games on snowshoes. The time is 10 a.m. to noon and participants will meet at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at 20130 Hwy 35 (Beside the Frost

Centre - 12 kilometres south of Dorset). Registration is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithefrost.ca. The cost is \$20 per person and snowshoe rentals are available at the special reduced rate of \$5 per pair.

The last snowshoe adventure hike in the series takes place on Sunday Feb. 22 and is called "Surviving Winter". Learn some strategies and techniques for coping with cold and snow should you find yourself lost. The time is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the leader is Corina Hall Mansfield. Participants will be meeting at the Nordic Inn, 1019 Nordic Inn Road in Dorset. As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person. A free Snowball button for every paid registration!

Don't forget the Dorset Poker Rally at Lions Camp Dorset takes place on this

Saturday, Feb. 14. To find out more, visit www.tallpines.org or call Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Steve (re: accommodations) at 705-766-2780. Proceeds will support Lions Camp Dorset and the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club.

Pioneer Memorial United Church at Hillside, 2370 Hwy 60, is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon on February 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and all are welcome! Cost is by donation at the door.

The Dorset Community Partnership Group and Fund meeting takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Topics will include honouring volunteers and contributors, projects, Dorset Fund update, Bigwin partnership and developments, Dorset Community Health Care update, Dorset indoor soccer program

and other ideas – open discussion. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Barb Townes at bjtownes@vianet.ca or 705-766-2108.

The 25th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is taking place on Feb. 20 and 21. The schedule is now up at www.dorsetsnowball.com and brochures will be coming to your mailbox soon. For information, you can also call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. Volunteers and sponsors welcome!

Birthday wishes for Feb. 8 to 14 go out to Julie Mealus, Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Gail Hope, Gino Ballestrin, Sky Boughen and Jordyn Nash. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Legion thanks students



Legion br. 636

November seems like such a long time ago when students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School submitted their posters and essays to the Branch level Remembrance Competitions. Minden Legion judges: Michael Barnes, Georgina Parkes and John Lennard selected the top three entries in each category. Students were given their cash awards in time for Christmas and will receive their certificates at an assembly this Thursday morning at ASES. The first place entries from each age group were judged with those from 13 other branches in Zone F4. Our branch is in the north part of the zone which stretches from Haliburton to Brechin and Sunderland to Omeme. We have just received breaking news of how our students placed at the next level and will also be announcing those results on Thursday.

We thank the students and their teachers for remembering how much we owe to those who served in our country's military. Yesterday the Minden branch also picked up Valentines made by local students for our veterans. So often when we think about the word veteran, the image that comes to mind is someone who served during WW2, elderly, and maybe quite frail. But there are also veterans who are members of Minden Legion who have served 15 or even 20 years in the military and yet still continue to serve the community and our branch. If

you come to lunch on Tuesdays for the liver and onions special, say hello and thanks to the cook, who also happens to be a veteran.

Take a break from this nasty weather Monday through Friday noon to 2 p.m. with a hot special prepared by our talented volunteer cooks. Wednesdays we also hold several meat draws to warm your hearts. At \$1 per ticket, \$8 will buy you eight chances for every draw. The selection varies every week and must be darned good, because some of our regulars come all the way from Lakefield and Lindsay. Warm up with your sweetie in front of our clubroom fireplace, the Branch is open til 6 p.m.. On Friday nights, from 5 to 7 p.m. we serve supper of beer-battered fish and chips or wings and chips and the Branch is open until the darts are finished.

Members of the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, their children or grandchildren are eligible to apply for a post-secondary education bursary of up to \$500, based on need. March 27 is the deadline for the 2014/15 school year, and proof of enrollment in the second semester is required. For more information and to apply go to <http://www.on.legion.ca/remembrance/youth-programs/bursaries>.

We'd really like to use the internet to tell our members and the public about our events and activities, but Ontario Command no longer provides a webpage for its branches. If you know of someone with the technical ability to create and maintain a website for Branch 636, please speak to public relations officer Jan Briggs-McGowan or president Judy Flieger.



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AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse there is a sense of relief on arriving home safely after a treacherous Sunday morning trip from Toronto. Our daughter-in-law's mother Vitina had passed away suddenly and so we headed out through Friday's heavy snow for her Saturday service. Coming back along the 407 our windshield was soon covered in ice which refused to clear. Thankfully traffic was very light as there was no alternative but to pull over onto the shoulder and wait for a temporary clearing. Finally the sign for Brock Road North appeared through our small peephole and even being stuck behind a snow plow along Hwy. 36 enroute to pick up Taffy from the kennel tolerable. In recounting his harrowing tale others reported the exact same type of frozen windshield that morning. We had to smile on arriving at the west end hotel in an area frequently on the crime news reports. Our thoughtful daughter-in-law with all the pressures already on her fretted about our reservation there and urged a relocation. However driving up to the hotel next door was a very large police station and on the other side a Leisure World Nursing Home. It was a very quiet, peaceful stay.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group invites

everyone interested in family histories to its next regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Lions Club, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors open at 6 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. This will be the annual "Bring an Ancestor" evening with members and guests able to make short (5-10 minutes) presentations about an ancestor, an artifact or even a brick wall they have run into while doing their research. While not required ideally there should be some Haliburton connection to the presentation. There is no charge to attend and coffee/cookies will be available. For more information give Gail Leach-Wunker a call at 705-286-2225.

If your special Valentine is a country music fan why not take her/him to the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount on Saturday, Feb. 14. Starting at 4:30 p.m. Hal Turner and the Hell Fires will be the featured entertainment. Admission is free and homemade soup and sandwiches will be available. For more information give the Branch a call at 705-488-3462 or check out the Legion's facebook page. This month's Big Bucks Bid Euchre comes up on Wednesday, Feb. 18 starting at 11 a.m. with an admission charge of \$10 which includes lunch.

There should be no shortage of snow for Kinmount's Annual Winterfest with this year's theme celebrating 50 years of our Canadian flag. The event starts off on Saturday, Feb. 21 with the Family Snowflake Ball from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre. On Sunday morning Feb. 22 there will be a pancake breakfast at the centre served from 8 to 11 a.m. to give you lots of energy to enjoy a full program of activities at the

arena and fairgrounds. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Family Festival with horse-drawn sleigh rides, the famous downhill toboggan dash, children's games, skating, a guided snowshoe trek, broomball and exhibitors including antique snowmobiles. Be sure to add a touch of red and white to your winter outfit. For more details call Julie at Austin Lumber 705-488-2961 or visit kinmount.ca.

The Victoria Pony Club will hold its Annual Loonie Auction & Trivia Night on Saturday, March 7 at the fully accessible Galway Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with pizza served at 6:30 p.m. There will be fun for the whole family with a Loonie Auction, Country Raffle and Trivia Contest. Tickets are \$10 and available from Pony Club members or at Austin Lumber, Kinmount so plan to come out and support a good cause. Our local children and youths have been very successful to date in competition benefiting much from this Club and experience.

Here is another great cause to support while enjoying a fun event. The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics will host a Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Haliburton Legion. Cocktail hour is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a full course dinner served at 6:30 p.m. then music to dance by from Canoe Fm's Ron Murphy. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Quilter's Inn, Kinmount or from one of our local athletes Brent Leffering, Carrie Crego or Trevor Brauer. Proceeds will assist Special Olympics with ongoing activities such as bowling and curling. For more details give Yvette a call at 705-488-2282.

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County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

This column condolences are sent out to the family of Minden resident Murray Daniels. Murray's name was a frequent entry in the list of scores and he will be much missed and well remembered by his many friends in the card playing community.

February 3 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that husband Don took top marks at 3,620 then Wally Ozog 3,510, Diane James 2,690 and Dave Heaven 2,590. There were two Small Slams over the morning by Don Ballantyne and Gareth Kellett and Diane James partnered with Dave Heaven.

February 3 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were our reporter Muriel McIntosh 3,990, Linda Cherry 3,890, Irena Sworska 3,760 and Ev Morgan 3,450 with Donna Hackwood awarded the Lucky Loonie.

February 3 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first at 432 was Sandy Poulton going solo then Marg Oetelaar and Connie Sawyer 410. Our reporter Pearl Cowen and Ray Lymer teamed up for third at 381 while John Kerr partnered with Eleanor Lymer had the afternoon's low of 175.

February 3 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 310, Clare Obdam 286, Theresa Deak 269 and Pat Norman 258. Tied for first for the gents at 258 were Bev Johnson and Kevin Maloney with Ida Young 256 next and Tom Grix 252 fourth. Winning the major draw was our reporter Betty Wagar with Bev Johnson, Pat Norman and Bob Pollard claiming the smaller prizes while Kevin Maloney, Bev Johnson and Vi Howell took the moonshots.

February 3 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Deanna Cooper with Rae Dawn Shepherd high lady and Karin Harrison low. Nancy McPherson also reports that Gord Darby topped the charts for the gents with Linda Schrader low.

February 4 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies led at 62 percent then Linda Cherry and Mary Johnson 58 percent. In third spot at 57 percent was Ross Fletcher partnered with Frank Schlotter.

February 5 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that Clare Obdam led the ladies at 278 followed by Pat Roussel 251, Vi Howell 248 and Betty Wagar 217. First for the gents at 270 was Marcel Roussel who also took call 1 then Bruce Medcalf 260, Dwaine Lloyd 254 and Tom Grix 209. Pat Norman held the hidden score, Eileen

Shapiera won the card call and Albert Foster, Tom Grix [3] and Pat Norman [2] claimed the moonshots.

February 5 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Gala Newell and John Deak with Irene McDowell high lady and Tom Orr high man. The evening's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Howard Smith while Betty Wagar won the major draw and Theresa Deak, Jesse Barlow and Reg Coulter took home the smaller prizes. Thanks to Tom Grix for this update.

February 6 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell in first place were Peter O'Connor and Jackie Metcalf 56 percent then Irena and Alek Sworski 55 percent and Ross Fletcher partnered with Helen Baker 53 percent.

February 6 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Shirley Howe, for lone hands Nick Boekestyn, for low hands Cathy Howe and for the special prize Jean Randell.

February 7 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Jean Scadden 268, Pat Roussel 267, Stella Kennedy 248 and Theresa Deak 189. First for the gents at 270 was Jason Peacock then Jesse Barlow 229, Howard Smith 215 and Kevin Maloney 198. Jesse Barlow also claimed the major special prize with Kevin Maloney, Stella Kennedy and Archie Ross picking up the smaller rewards while Jason Peacock [2] and Vi Howell took the moonshots.

February 9 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Barbara Braithwaite and Betty Sharpe with Ellen Holden and Kay Godden posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Bernice Tucker while Howard Smith claimed the special prize. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this news.

February 9 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that top marks for the White Team went to Theresa Deak 303, Tom Grix 267 and Vic Ballik 234. Leading the Blue Team at 251 was Jesse Barlow then Gala Newell 236 and Marcy Morgan 220. Sam Gaudet won the draw while moonshots landed on Vic Ballik, Pauline Franzen, Marcy Morgan, Theresa Deak [2] and Tom Grix [2] [thanks Tom].

February 9 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that Peter Reilly won for high hands, Pearl Cowen for lone hands, Elaine Smith for low hands and Shirley Howe for the special prize.

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of **Murray Robert Daniels**

Passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, February 6, 2015. At the age of 91.

Beloved husband for 67 years to Olive Jean Daniels (nee Pipher). Dear father Robert and his wife Kathy, Marilyn and her husband Rick Miller, special father to Sheila Houston. Loving grandfather of Phil Daniels (Corrin), Paul Daniels (Janine), Chris Miller (Stephanie), Brad Miller (Danielle) and great grandfather of Travis and Ella Miller, and Avery Daniels. Dear brother of Ruth Hagglund, Mary Graham, Ila Perry and predeceased by Harvey, Arthur, Ivan, Elmer, Burton, Jean Tyte, Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Murray enjoyed his 34 years of retirement first on Boshkung Lake and later residing in Minden. He loved to bake tarts and deliver them to the staff at Hyland Crest. Hunting and fishing was always a special part of his life and all the camaraderie that went along with it.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 7-9 pm and on Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Murray's Life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home.

Then to the Low and Low Funeral Home, 23 Main St., South, Uxbridge, Ontario for visiting on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm. A Time of Family Reflection and Sharing of Memories of Murray will commence at 12:30 pm., with a reception to immediately follow at the Low and Low Funeral Home. Interment will take place at the Stouffville Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of **Douglas Ronald Palmer**

It is with great sorrow that his family announces the sudden passing of Douglas Ronald Palmer, in his 84th year, at his home in Minden on Friday, February 6th, 2015.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Tina (pre-deceased by his first wife Marie), his son Scott (Nancy), and his daughter Susan Miller. Lovingly remembered by his grandsons Bradley and Matthew Palmer, and Zak (Nicole) and Brett Miller (and their father Jeff Miller) and his granddaughters Danielle and Courtney Picard. Beloved Great-

Grandpapa of Eli Palmer and Elena Moroz. Pre-deceased by brothers Leonard and Phillip, sisters Kathleen and Joan, sister-in-law June and brothers-in-law Jack, Harry and Ernie.

Doug will be missed greatly by his sisters-in-law Christine (Bob), Mary (Jose), Ellen (Paul) and brothers-in-law David (Reina) and Ben (Anne), nieces and nephews Patricia (Bruce), Ginny (Geoff), Karen (Randy), David (Dorothy), Debbie (Phill), Cathy (Murray), Leslie (Paul), Jane (Roland), Cari (Jef), Geoff (Tania), Kristi (Ryan), Gregory (deceased) and Daniel and all their children and grandchildren, as well as a large circle of neighbours and friends.

Doug was devoted to his family and friends and had a tremendous love for life. He enjoyed a long and successful career in the financial sector. Doug was an active volunteer in a variety of areas, namely Kiwanis in Renfrew, as an Elder in his church in North Bay, the Cancer Society in Kitchener and MBC Lakes Association in Haliburton Highlands.

A visitation will be held in Minden at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., on Sunday, February 15th, 2015 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held in Kitchener at the Williamsburg Cemetery Dedication Centre on Wednesday, February 18th, 2015. Visitation 12:00-1:00 p.m., Service at 1:00 p.m., with Reception to follow.

In keeping with Doug's wishes, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.



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In Loving Memory of **George Junior Anderson**

Passed away suddenly at home on Thursday evening, February 5, 2015 at the age of 82.

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In keeping with George's wishes, Cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to join the family at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden, (Hwy 35 N. and County #121) on Thursday, February 12, 2015 for a gathering to Celebrate George's Life from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or to the A.S.E.S Breakfast Club would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0



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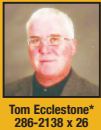
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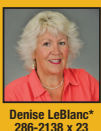
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- Quiet clean lake

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Tedious Lake \$519,000



- Newly built 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage
- 2+ acres, 150' water frtg & stunning sunsets
- Open concept layout with cathedral ceilings
- Full & finished walkout basement

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot \$68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

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Home Sweet Home \$315,900



- Gorgeous country setting yet in town home
- 4 BRs and 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry
- Main floor family room, lower level rec rm
- 2 car garage, beautiful lot and super yard

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